

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at line 21, page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

A non-amino chelator as described above, may optionally be mixed with a small amount of amino containing chelates without significantly reducing the color intensity achieved by the hair coloring compositions of the invention. Amino containing chelates can be aminocarboxylates such as nitrilotriacetate (NTA), ethylene diamine [[doiamine]] tetraacetate (EDTA), diethylene triamine pentaacetate (DTPA), and hydroxyethyl ethylene diamine triacetate (HEDTA), aminophosphonates such as amino trimethylene phosphate, ethylene diamine tetramethylene phosphonate.

Please replace line 12, page 13 with the following amended line:

4,5-dimethoxy-7-methyl-naphth-1-ol, [[4,5-dimethoxy-7-methy-inaphth-1-ol,]]

Please replace line 14, page 13 with the following amended line:

4-methoxy-6-methyl-naphth-1-ol, [[4-methoxy-6-methy-inaphth-1-ol,]]

Please replace line 25, page 14 with the following amended line:

4,5-dihydroxyindolecarboxylic acid (DHICA) [[4,5-dihydroxyindolecasboxylic acid (DHICA)]]

Please replace the paragraph at line 16, page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Commercially available humectants herein include: glycerin with tradenames STAR[[Tm]] and SUPEROL [[Tm]] available from The Procter & Gamble Company, CRODEROL GA700 [[TM]] available from Croda Universal Ltd., PRECERIN[[Tm]] series available from Unichema, and a same tradename as the chemical name available from NOF; propylene glycol with tradename LEXOL PG-865/855 [[Tm]] available from Inolex, 1,2-PROPYLENE GLYCOL USP available from BASF; sorbitol with tradenames LIPONIC[[Tm]] series available from Lipo, SORBO[[Tm]], ALEX[[Tm]], A-625 [[TM]], and A-64 [[Tm]] available from ICI, and UNISWEET 70[[Tm]], UNISWEET CONC[[Tm]] available from UPI; dipropylene glycol with the same tradename available from BASF; diglycerin with tradename DIGLYCEROL[[Tm]] available from Solvay GmbH; xylitol with the same tradename available from Kyowa and Eizai; maltitol with tradename MALBIT available from Hayashibara, sodium chondroitin sulfate with the same tradename available from Freeman and Bioiberica, and with tradename ATOMERIC SODIUM CHONDROITIN SULFATE available from Atomeric Chemetals; sodium hyaluronate with tradenames ACTIMOIST available from Active Organics, AVIAN SODIUM HYALURONATE series available from Intergen, HYALURONIC ACID Na available from Ichimara Pharcos; sodium adenosine phosphate with the same tradename available [[26]] from Asahikasei, Kyowa, and Daiichi Seiyaku; sodium lactate with the same tradename available from Merck, Wako, and Showa Kako, cyclodextrin with tradenames CAVITRON available from American Maize, R-HODOCAP series available from Rhone-Poulenc, and DEXPearl available from Tome.n; and polyethylene glycols with the tradename CARBOWAX series available from [[5]] Union Carbide.

Please replace the paragraph at line 18, page 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Water-soluble auxiliary amine oxide surfactants suitable for inclusion in the compositions of the present invention include alkyl amine oxide $R_5R_6R_7NO$ [[R.sub.5 R.sub.6 R.sub.7 NO]] and amido amine oxides number from 1 to 4. Preferred amine oxides include cocoamidopropylamine oxide, lauryl dimethyl amine oxide and myristyl dimethyl amine oxide.

Please replace the paragraph at line 16, page 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The present [[presnt]] invention also relates to a kit for carrying out the hair coloring method of the invention. The kit comprises a developer solution, a dye solution and a post treatment solution, each in a separate container or in a dual container, as described herein. The kit also contains written instructions that explain how the compositions of the invention are used.